GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EVALUATION OF DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of directions issued by the Government including for administration as well as recruitment in jobs,etc. in pursuance of the inspection and evaluation of deemed universities carried out by the Government during the last three years;

(b) whether these directions have not been complied with by the said universities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the officers responsible for adhering to these directions do not take action as per the laid down rules and these universities carry on their illegal activities;

(e) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto;and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): As per the provisions of Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act,1956,the Central Government,on the advice of the Commission,may declare that any institution for higher education,other than a University,shall be deemed to be a University for the purposes of the UGC Act and accordingly,all the provisions of the Act shall apply to such institution 'deemed-to-be-a-university'.

The Act also empowers the UGC,to issue directions to institutions 'deemed-to-be-university, through its regulations and guidelines,in regard to academic and administrative issues.All institutions declared as 'deemed-to-be-university'are required to adhere to the directions issued by the UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and comply with them.

The Central Government is empowered to issue directions on questions of policy relating to national purposes to the UGC and the AICTE under Section 20(1) of the UGC Act 1956 and under Section 20(1) of the AICTE Act 1987,respectively.A copy of the directions issued by the Central Government in F.No.2-1/2006 U3A dated 5/4/2006 is available at www.ugc.ac.in/notices/mhrd_clicafi_du.pdf.No instance of violation of the said direction dated 5/4/2006 has come to the notice of the Government.